

Parks Department Updates

September 2019

We are getting into the usual fall activities at Pirone, the primary one being youth soccer, particularly on Saturdays. It is a lively place on Saturday mornings, with U4, U6 and U8 levels blending into each other through the morning/early afternoon. Family activities generally take over after that, and we have been seeing a lot of small groups enjoying the especially nice weather we have had for most of September. We are also in the midst of planning for our winter activities, and have several hundred players already signed up to play basketball. We are so fortunate to have so many parents and volunteers offer to help with these programs, but could always use more. If you would like to volunteer for any of our youth sports activities, Unlimited programs or general handiwork around the park, please contact the Parks Office and we will get you started.

The new basketball hoops have come in, and we have done the prep work at the beach to get them installed. We will be pouring the concrete pads for them in October and then erecting them later in the month. These will be replacing the older portable units that had been there since 2007, as a donation from the Groton School when they replaced their hoops at that time. These worked well over that period, but had become worn and in need of an upgrade. The new units will normally be set to regulation height, but have the capability to be lowered if desired for younger players.

The perimeter path continues to get a lot of use, with walkers and joggers enjoying the scenic views of Grove Pond throughout all parts of the day. Noon is a particularly popular time for people to use the path, many stopping along the way to have lunch or take a break at one of the benches or picnic areas. The extension to the path that will go around the main softball field is set to begin construction in October.

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